

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device comprising:

a downrigger board assembly;

at least one ~~down-rigger~~ downrigger counter mounted on said downrigger board assembly;

lighting means operably connected with said downrigger board assembly and said at least one downrigger counter for supplying light to said at least one downrigger counter to aid a user of said downrigger counter device to set up equipment in dark or limited light conditions; and

said lighting means includes a light assembly and a fiberoptic connection between said light assembly and said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 4 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device comprising:

a downrigger board assembly;

at least one downrigger counter mounted on said downrigger board assembly;

lighting means operably connected with said downrigger board assembly and said at least one downrigger counter for supplying light to said at least one downrigger counter to aid a user of said downrigger counter device to set up equipment in dark or limited light conditions;

said lighting means includes a light assembly connected to said downrigger board assembly;
and

there is provided a fiberoptic connection between said light assembly and said at least one downrigger counter.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 3, wherein:
~~there is provided~~ said at least one downrigger counter comprises a downrigger counter at each end of said downrigger board assembly.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 4, wherein:
~~there is provided~~ said at least one downrigger counter comprises a downrigger counter at each end of said downrigger board assembly.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device ~~according to claim 6, wherein:~~ comprising:
a downrigger board assembly;
at least one downrigger counter mounted on said downrigger board assembly;
lighting means operably connected to said downrigger board assembly and said at least one downrigger counter for supplying light to said at least one downrigger counter to aid a user of said downrigger counter device to set up equipment in dark or limited light conditions;
said light means includes a light assembly connected to said downrigger board assembly;
said at least one downrigger counter comprises a downrigger counter at each end of said downrigger board assembly; and

said lighting means includes a first fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a first one of said at least one downrigger counter, and a second fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a second one of said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device, according to claim 7, wherein:
said lighting means includes a first fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a first one of said at least one downrigger counter, and a second fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a second one of said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 11 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 8, wherein:
said lighting means includes a first fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a first one of said at least one downrigger counter, and a second fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a second one of said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 12 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 3, wherein:
said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 13 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 4, wherein:
said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up said at least one downrigger counter.

Claims 14 and 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 7, wherein:
said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said
fiberoptic connection to light up said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 17 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 8 wherein:
said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said
fiberoptic connection to light up said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 18 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 9, wherein:
said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said
fiberoptic connection to light up said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 19 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 10,
wherein:
said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said
fiberoptic connection to light up said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 20 (previously presented) A downrigger counter device according to claim 11,
wherein:
said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said
fiberoptic connection to light up said at least one downrigger counter.